

Hot Times!

Yes it seems to be getting rather warm in our old town. Let the good work continue. The people need the help. Cotton at five cents, they need close prices. Cut 'em low, slash the knife in 'em and let the people have the profits. We came here to stay and don't you forget it. "But" we are staying. Our motto—

"Underbuy then Undersell."



Spot cash does the work. Some say they bought too heavily, others bought too heavily, but we

Bought Just Right.

All in knowing how. All our stock is new and if our prices wont move 'em, another will and don't you forget it. We are in the race and if you will look at our store and get OUR PRICES you will believe it.

We Lead, Others Follow.

Yours for furniture,

J. D. KERR,

Phone No. 80.

THE NEW HOTEL.

Dr. J. L. Auerum is the Purchaser at \$20,000.

Mr. J. Allen Smith and Mrs. Thos. C. Seal, joint owners of the New Hotel on the Public Square, have contracted to sell the property to Dr. J. L. Auerum for the sum of \$20,000. The sale includes the little stores on Washington Street and the Alston House. The property is rated as among the best in town, and is susceptible of great improvement.

It is understood that Dr. Auerum, the new owner, will at a suitable time, make various improvements on the property. He is a new citizen amongst us and is a man of means. Living on his estate some two miles west of the city. His presence is considered an acquisition to the growth and prosperity of the city of his adoption. His home is one of the handsonest to be found in the up-country, the surroundings of which give evidence of culture, refinement and the expenditure of money. Our people will be glad to have Dr. Auerum still further identified with us.

BACK AT HOME.

An Abbeville Boy Returns to the Scene of His Childhood.

Mr. Andrew Lyon came home and spent Christmas day with his father, Judge Lyon and his brother-in-law Mr. J. Hayne McDill. We had not the pleasure of meeting him, but have frequently had the pleasure of hearing good things of him. Several years ago he left Abbeville and went in the world to make a living. He bailed up in Augusta, where he obtained a situation in a business house in that city. By application of excellent qualities of mind and heart to the interest of his employers, he has steadily risen from the beginning until he is now business manager of a wholesale house whose sales exceed a quarter of a million of dollars. He remained over but a single day, and hurried back to his post, our people will be glad to have Dr. Auerum still further identified with us.

D. H. WILDER,

—DEALER IN—

Staple, Green and Fancy Groceries
IN FACT ANYTHING IN THE GROCERY
line can always be had at the lowest prices.

10 Lbs. Good Coffee \$1.
Nice Fresh Salmon 10cts.

Fresh Butter and Eggs always on hand.
kinds of Country Produce a specialty.

Kerosene Oil 15 cts. Gal.
Why worry about what you are to have for tomorrow's dinner, when you can get just what you need at Wilder's.
Oct. 27, 1897.

CONTRIBUTED LOCALS.

What "M" Sees and Hears on His Rounds About the City.

Abbeville, S. C., Dec. 29, 1897.

CHRISTMAS EVE IN ABBEVILLE.

The day as usual was a busy one. Crowds of people from all parts of the county thronged our business thoroughfares from early morn till late at night. Trade was very good indeed, our merchants having about all they could do, even with extra help in many of the stores. Everybody seemed in a good humor, and on frolic and pleasure bent, so that the day passed off without anything to mar the pleasure of any one. Christmas day has passed and we are now in the midst of the holidays, and in a few more days the bells of time will toll the departure of 1897, and usher in with merry chime the new year 1898.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

We wish for the editor, correspondents and every reader of the Press and Banner a happy and prosperous New Year that will bring to each brighter joys and fewer trials. In the departure of 1897 we all have much to lament, such as trials, sore temptations and lost, or neglected opportunities that will never come back again. Let every one begin the New Year with renewed resolutions to live a purer and happier life, make our homes brighter, and above all to use our influence for good, then the world will be made better by our having lived in it, otherwise our life will be a blank.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME.

All of our college girls and boys are at home for the holidays. Here they are:
Miss Emma W. Wille, Converse.
Miss Georgia Edwards, Columbia Female College.
Tom Parker, Harvard University.
David Henry, Clemson.
Less Smith, Davidson, N.C.
Prof. Koo Perrin, Porter Institute, Charleston.
Ed Edwards, Wofford.
Gaines Hammond, Wofford.
Mr. Bradley Reese, of Clinton, is spending Christmas with home folks in the city.
Mr. L. H. Russell, of Greenwood, is at home for Christmas.
Miss Eliza Gambrell is at home for the holidays.
Miss Nellie Cochran is spending Christmas at home.
Miss Belle Visanska, who has been spending sometime in Atlanta, is home again to the delight of her many friends.
Mr. Walter Visanska is in the city for a short visit to homefolks and friends.
Many changes will take place on the first of January, '98, about which we will post our readers in the next issue.
Judge E. B. Gary is spending Christmas at home in the city of Abbeville.

HOME FOLKS ABROAD.

Mr. Lambert Caldwell is spending Christmas at his home in Donalds.
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. DuPre, with Mr. Julius DuPre and son, enjoyed Christmas with their parents at Fort Hill.
Miss Norma Matthews, of Athens, is spending Christmas with homefolks in Abbeville.
Mr. T. G. Perrin is spending Christmas with friends at Clemson.

VISITORS COMING AND GOING.

Rev. D. W. Keller spent several days of last week with friends in Abbeville, leaving on Friday for his new field of labor in the city of Greenville.
Mr. Luther McCord, formerly of Abbeville but now of Laurens, spent several days of the city last week on business. Mr. McCord was most cordially greeted by many friends who were glad to see him once more in his old home.

Mr. Fred Minshall is visiting friends in the city, all of whom always give him a hearty welcome.
Mr. L. M. Jordan, of Seneca, was in the city last Monday on business.
Mrs. W. B. Powell and her charming daughter, Miss Kate, were shopping in the city last week.

Mr. Arthur Osborne, of Ninety-Six, accompanied by Mr. John C. Dorn, were in the city Monday on business.
Mr. Lindsey Fennel, who has been clerking for Mr. A. B. Morse, will return home to Lowndesville the first of January, where he will begin the study of medicine.
Capt. Henry Williams, of Greensboro, N. C., spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Williams, of Abbeville.

A PLEASANT SOCIABLE.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jones F. Miller on last Monday evening a number of our young people were entertained most pleasantly. The party was given in honor of the Misses Cason by their aunt, Mrs. Miller, and will long be remembered as one of the happy evenings during the Christmas holidays of 1897.

Birth—At Abbeville, December 26th, to Mrs. W. C. DuPre, a son and daughter. This was a happy Christmas surprise.
Miss Edith Riggs, who has been visiting in the home of her uncle, Dr. G. A. Neuffer, will leave today for her home in Orangeburg.
Miss Edith is a sweet young lady who has many friends in the city who regret to see her return home. She is always a welcome visitor in Abbeville.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Rev. J. W. Daniels preached two most excellent sermons in the Methodist church last Sunday morning and evening, making a most favorable impression upon his congregation.
Rev. Edward McCrany, rector of Trinity, preached a fine sermon last Sunday morning. Regular services will, until further notice, be conducted in this church in the evening instead of the afternoon.
No services in any of the churches in the city on Christmas day except at Trinity.
Regular services were conducted by pastor at the A. R. P. church last Sabbath morning. Watch services will be held in the Methodist church next Friday night, beginning at 10 o'clock.

DEATH OF MRS. N. J. BOYD.

This estimable Christian lady died at her home near Hester on the morning of the 26th December, after only a few hours illness. Mrs. Boyd was in her fifth year, and was a consistent member of the A. R. P. church. She leaves a large family connection and a wide circle of friends to mourn her sudden death. The bereaved family have the sympathy of many friends.

REMEMBER THE POOR.

Charitable People Have a Chance to Make Hearts Less Miserable.
The annual visit to the Poor House will be made on Friday, December 31st. Contributions of fruit, candy, nuts, tobacco, sugar, coffee, etc., are requested, and should be sent to the residence of Mrs. W. C. McGowan not later than Thursday night.

Practice economy—buy from R. C. Wilson & Co.

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.. TO ..
.. 1897!

A. M. Hill & Sons.

OUR LINE OF STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES this season surpasses any stock heretofore kept by us. Our Fall Stock has been carefully selected and every department is "brim full" of the "best goods" of the latest and newest brands placed on the markets of the world.

Canned Goods Department.

In this department you will find a great variety of all the leading brands. Everything will be fresh and new and suited to the wants of the most fastidious.

Fruits and Confectioneries.

These are "Our Specialties" and "we" are "Headquarters." Call and see our "Fall Display" and you will be tempted to buy. Fruits in great variety, from the leading markets of the world. Low prices and Blankets imported confectionery.

Attention, Ladies.

We can supply your tables for Breakfast, Dinner and Tea with a bountiful spread of "Good Things" that will be both tempting and palatable.

Our Carriage and Buggy Repository.

Here you find all kinds of vehicles in all the newest designs, both in design and finish. Also a splendid line of Harness, Whips, Lap Robes and Buggy Umbrellas. This department is well stocked and we can and will make prices cheaper than ever. **STUTEMAKER and HILBURN WAGONS.** We are sole agents for Abbeville County for these celebrated wagons. You know what they are.

Our Sales, Livery and Feed Stables.

In our handsome new stables we have a complete system of "Water Works" furnishing fresh running water all the time. Also all modern conveniences for the comfort and pleasure of our patrons. We carry the largest stock of Horses, Mules and Brood Mares to be found in upper Carolina. Saddle Horses and all kinds of Touring outfits furnished on short notice, day or night, with careful and polite drivers. **DAY and NIGHT TRAINS.** Our City Buses will meet every train on both roads day and night.

Coal! Coal! Wood! Wood!

We handle the best Coal, Hard and Soft. Also Green and Dry Wood, and can furnish you in any quantity on short notice delivered at your door.

Believing we can please you we cordially invite an inspection of our stock and solicit a full share of your patronage.

Sept. 8, 1897.

A. M. HILL & SONS.

For Sale or Rent.

THE ABBEVILLE INN IS FOR SALE or rent. Terms easy.

MRS. M. MILLER, at the Inn.

Cure all bad blood diseases with Africana For sale at Speed's.

Surveying and Platting.

LAND and Town Lots. Also Terracing, Levelling and Grading. Accurate work done where local attraction makes a compass unreliable. T. C. ANDERSON, Ninety-Six, S. C.

March 10, 1897.—12m

DENTAL NOTICE.

Dr. S. G. Thomson.

OFFICE UP-STAIRS ON RAILWAY Corner, Abbeville, S. C.

DENTAL NOTICE.

S. F. Killingsworth, No. 4 Seal Block, Abbeville, S. C.

Don't be Chairless

... IN THIS ...

Panic-Stricken Time

WHEN A FEW DIMES WILL
MAKE YOU COMFORTABLE.

We have condemned the following goods and will sell you, provided you wish to buy:

CURLY BIRCH SUITS MAHOGANIZED.
WHITE ENAMEL SUITS DELFT DECORATION.
MAHOGANY SUITS JAPANESE DECORATION.
OAK AND WALNUT WARDROBES.
" " " " SIDEBORDS.
" " " " HALL TREES.
LADIES' DESKS IN OAK ONLY.
WICKER ROCKERS, OAK ROCKERS, MAHOGANY ROCKERS IN CANE AND LEATHER SEATS FOR

XMAS TRADE.

We are having some trade, but need a few more customers.

Can't You Make One?

We are prepared to render the 'best service in the county in our Undertaking Department and will give each call our best attention.



McDILL & LYON.

HARDWARE!

Cutlery, Guns, Ammunition, Carpenter and Machinists Tools.
Machinery Supplies---Belting, Pipe and Fittings.
Paints, Oils and Varnishes.
Barb Wire, Nails, Horse Shoes.
Wagon Material---Hubs, Spokes, Rims, Shafts, Tire Iron.

Stoves, Cooking and Heating.
House Furnishing Goods.

GLEN-JONES HARDWARE CO.

Bargain Seekers!

A HARD BLOW IS EASILY HEARD!

GENTLEMEN:—I have succeeded in New York in making arrangements with ready-cash, crossing the path of debt-laden overstocked manufacturers in CLOTHING and UNDERWEAR that no where on the face of this broad earth can you buy

Good Clothing

as cheap as here. Bargains that make you wonder how they can be turned out for so little money—a wonder that still further increases when you see them. A trial will convince you there is satisfaction and money saved.

Capes, Single and Double.

Your opportunity is at hand. Goods that you can buy elsewhere at a uniform price is not a bargain, but here you always find values rare and unexpected, as well as timely and seasonable. Hats, Cap and Shoe prices cut to the bone.

B. HILLMAN.

Next door to Dispensary.